

OUR COWORKERS

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

30 Years

Edward C. Cain
Health Department

Richard W. Finch
Health Department

25 Years

Leon H. Beck
Road Department

Bertha R. Brooks
Health Department

Hattie Brooks
Pretrial Services

Jessie Carr
Oakville Health Care Center

William S. Cash
Sheriff's Department

Orlando H. Freeman
Sheriff's Department

Randy Gatewood
Sheriff's Department

Sheila M. Holman
Health Department

Michael A. Jewell
Sheriff's Department

Sammie Jones
Sheriff's Department

Michael A. Kidder
Corrections Center

Von E. Leatherwood
Health Department

David J. Marcum
Sheriff's Department

Emma B. Maxwell
Health Department

Alford McCaster
Support Services

Alvin E. Moore
Sheriff's Department

John E. Roberson
Sheriff's Department

Dorothy M. Rush
Oakville Health Care Center

William Stricklen
Sheriff's Department

Shirley A. Verges
Sheriff's Department

Sandra Washington
Oakville Health Care Center

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

35 Years

David R. Wings
Sheriff's Department

30 Years

Barbara O. Colton
General Sessions Criminal Court Clerk

Fred T. Lee
Engineering Department

George W. Matthews
Correction Center

25 Years

Donald K. Ackers
Health Department

Essie M. Bruce
Sheriff's Department

Shirley L. Brumley
Health Department

Annie M. Hudson
Corrections Center

Robert C. Lanier
Mayor's Office

Morrie E. Noel
Juvenile Court

Ocie J. Pleasant
Election Commission

Albert Ricci
Assessor's Office

RETIREMENTS

Mark M. Calvi
Sheriff's Department

Wilber F. Conley, Jr.
Engineering Department

Michael A. Darden
Sheriff's Department

Michael A. Parham
Health Department

John D. Acuff
Corrections Center

Norma E. Acuff
Corrections Center

Mary J. Wilson
Sheriff's Department

DEATHS

Joyce Whittington
Retired – Health Department
January 15, 2004

Helen L. Stauffer
Retired – Health Department
January 23, 2004

Valerie Hall
Retired – District Attorney
February 3, 2004

Cecil T. Mitchell
Retired – Health Department
February 5, 2004

Wilma Deshazo
Retired – Health Department
February 11, 2004

James Chandler
Retired – Correction Center
February 26, 2004

Gerald Rogers
Retired – Sheriff's Department
February 28, 2004

Thomas Mathes
Retired – Support Services
February 28, 2004

Florence Acred
Retired – Attorney General
March 1, 2004

Thomas Barksdale
Retired – OPD
March 3, 2004

John J. Bunso, Jr.
Retired – Corrections Center
March 9, 2004

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COUNTY LINES

SHELBY COUNTY VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER CHANGES ITS NAME

To provide comprehensive services to victims of crime and their survivors, reduce their trauma, facilitate their recovery and advocate for their rights to fair treatment.



Crime Victims Center Staff (front row from left) RoseAnn Keen, JoAnn Bell, Tina Jones, Cheryl Wright, and Executive Director Heidi Verbeek (back row from left) Vernetta Eddleman, Deborah Davis Williamson, Brandy Brice, John Bush, Loary Gordon, and Pamela Criner. Not pictured: Anna Whalley, Dianne Vaughn-Stacks and Latoya Thomas

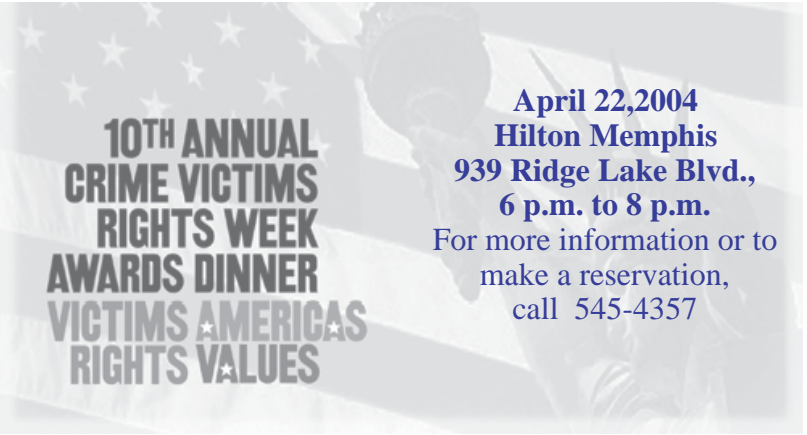
This year marks the 9th anniversary of the Shelby County Crime Victims Center (CVC), formally know as the Victims Assistance Center (VAC). Founded in 1995, the CVC has grown from a staff of two to an agency of fourteen and offers a wide range of services to victims of crime.

Staff members provide assistance to victims by acting as a liaison to the criminal justice system, by providing crisis counseling, helping with safety planning, providing court accompaniment and assistance with applying for the Tennessee Criminal Injuries Fund.

Under the leadership of the current Executive Director, Heidi Verbeek, the CVC has implemented programs to increase the awareness of victim issues and to broaden service delivery.

To date, the center has assisted approximately 14,500 people since it's inception. The CVC

continues to strive for community awareness in order to inform Shelby County residents about the special needs of crime victims and how the CVC can meet those needs. If you or someone you know has been a victim of a crime, please call the Crime Victims Center, at 545-4357.



Memphis in May
INTERNATIONAL
Festival, Inc.™

Beale Street Music Festival, April 30 - May 2
Desti-Nations International Family Festival, May 7 - 8
World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest, May 13 - 15
Great Southern Food Festival and Sunset Symphony, May 29 - 30

SHORT LINES

FOR SALE BY COUNTY
This has be a record-breaking year for the Shelby County Real Estate Office. To date this fiscal year, County Real Estate has negotiated the sale of 165 properties totaling more than \$1,086,700 worth of delinquent tax properties. This amount already exceeds all previous annual sale totals of record and there are three months to go. Congratulations County Real Estate employees for doing an outstanding job.

Older Americans Month
The Aging Commission of the Mid-South is pleased to announce the theme for Older Americans Month 2004: "Aging Well, Living Well." This theme has been selected to celebrate and recognize older Americans who are living longer, healthier and more productive lives. Older people not only are adding years to their lives, they also are improving the quality of their lives.

The Aging Commission of the Mid-South, in celebration of the Older Americans Month in May, will make a presentation to any group interested in the agency and its services for seniors. Please call Larry L. Turner, community outreach coordinator, at (901) 324-6333 Ext. 232 to schedule a speaking event.

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Employees of 4th Quarter of 2003



Elizabeth F. Bradley is a Supervisor with the Health Department's Childhood Lead Based Program and has been with the county since 1996. Elizabeth is always ready to assist fellow employees and has established a strong working relationship with other City/County/ State Agency programs. Through her good organizational skills, she has refined her role as program coordinator/inspector.

Randy Maness is a Manager A with Support Services and has been with the county since 1977. Randy is a focused, disciplined, and dedicated employee with a "hands on" management style. He always works side by side with his staff. Randy is married to Bobby Jean Maness and they have a son, David.



Cora Ray is a Legal Secretary in the Public Defender's Office where she has been employed since 1990. Cora has performed the duties of vacant positions efficiently, and with a positive attitude. She single-handedly opens and closes all General Sessions misdemeanor cases, approximately 18,000 per year. She is married to Danny and they have two children, Tosha, 22 and Danny, Jr., 14.

Latonia M. White is a Clerical Specialist B with Juvenile Court and has been employed with the county since 1997. Latonia has a positive attitude and is always accommodating to co-workers and supervisors. Her ability to repair office equipment has saved the office time and money. Latonia has two daughters, Lanesha, 23 and Ashley, 15 and three grandchildren.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION
EVENT

Saturday, May 15 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
at 105 South Germantown Road, parking lot south of Shelby Farms Show Place Arena (corner of Walnut Grove and Germantown Road).
Accepted Items: paint/thinners, solvents, aerosols, pesticides, pool chemicals, automotive fluids, electronics, adhesives, household batteries, and herbicides
Items Not Accepted: commercial waste, prescription drugs, ordnance, medical waste
Participants are limited to 100 pounds per household and must be residents of Memphis & Shelby County.

FRIENDS WE WILL MISS

County Mourns Loss of Former Commissioner



Former County Commissioner Morris H. Fair died April 7 at the age of 74. He died of complications from treatment for esophageal cancer. Morris Fair was appointed to the Shelby County Board of Commissioners in November 1996 to fill an unexpired term on the Commission. He was elected to a four year term in 1998. He served as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners from 2001-2002
"Morris Fair was an outstanding leader, whose thoughtful approach to government helped to advance our community," said Mayor A C Wharton, Jr., "He never let politics stop him from doing what was right."
Commissioner Cleo Kirk said Morris Fair was someone who, "if he told you something, you could go to the bank with it."
A veteran of the Memphis business community since 1962, he served as CEO of UMIC Securities Corporation and as community and government relations' coordinator for Union Planters Bank. In addition to his wife, he leaves four sons, Ronnie Fair of Heber Springs, Ark., and Greg Fair, Lance Fair and Jason Fair, all of Memphis; a half-brother, Andy Fair of Little Rock, and seven grandchildren. The family requests that any memorials be sent to the University of Arkansas Alumni Association Morris Fair Scholarship Fund or Holy Cross Episcopal Church in West Memphis.

Alton Ray Meyer, 60,a safety specialist in Risk Management, died March 8th after a lengthy illness. Al, as he was known to friends and coworkers, was kind and considerate. He leaves his wife, Joyce Meyer, two daughters, a son, two stepdaughters, two stepsons, two sisters, and 14 grandchildren.



David Toney Jr., 58, was the Shelby County jury commissioner for about 15 years before becoming a grand jury foreman two years ago. He died April 2 at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis of complications from cancer. He spent 36 years in county government, including 18 years in the Criminal Court Clerk's Office. "I'm going to miss him as a friend and as a great teacher and mentor," said Clyde 'Kit' Carson, who succeeded him as jury commissioner. He was the husband of Earnestyne D. Toney, and leaves a daughter, a son, a sister, a brother, and a grandson.



William "Bill" Elmore, Jr., 58, Compensation Manager for Shelby County, died April 1st, at Methodist Healthcare-South. "Bill was a dedicated friend to all county employees and the ultimate resource for any matter involving compensation for county employees," said Mayor A C Wharton, Jr., "Bill's commitment to his fellow employees was an example to us all." A Marine Corps veteran, Bill was the husband of Claudette Elmore and the father of two daughters, and a son. He also leaves a sister, three brothers, and five grandchildren.

Ronnie Blayde, 52, a 30-year employee with Shelby County in the mail room, died March 27th at Methodist Healthcare-North. Many of us saw Ronnie daily when he delivered mail all over the county. The husband of Christine Blayde, he also leaves a daughter and three sons, five sisters, two brothers, and seven grandchildren.

